

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 842  
By McDonald

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Clifton and Dorothy Pond on the celebration of their fifty-seventh wedding anniversary.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes great pleasure in paying tribute to those successful marriages that have stood the test of time to serve as exemplars for present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, on February 4, 1947, Clifton Pond and Dorothy Cole were joined in holy matrimony, and since that fateful day this outstanding couple has faced the world as one, basking in the glow of their love for each other during both life's joys and sorrows; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Pond have been highly respected citizens of the White House community for many years; they are the very epitome of good neighbors, as they always endeavor to treat others as they would like to be treated; and

WHEREAS, serving with acumen and alacrity, both Mr. and Mrs. Pond both worked diligently in their chosen professions, earning the respect of their peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of their work; after thirty-two years of dedicated service, Mr. Pond retired from Pirelli Tire Company; Mrs. Pond likewise retired from Peterbilt Motor Company after many years of esteemed service; and

WHEREAS, this fine couple's praiseworthy marriage has produced five children, Clifton A., Jr., William Roger, Kenneth Atlee, Brenda Kay, and the late Lavonne Jeanette; Mr. and Mrs. Pond proved to be excellent parents, leading each of their children to believe that he or she was their favorite; and

WHEREAS, the Ponds are also the proud grandparents of fourteen grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, lifelong members of the Walnut Grove United Methodist Church in Cottontown, Tennessee, Mr. and Mrs. Pond have been devoted in their service to the Church;

they have donated property to the Church, have served as Youth Directors, and Mr. Pond has served as Sunday School Superintendent; and

WHEREAS, highly respected members of the community, the Ponds are avid supporters of various sporting programs at White House High School and co-manage a Western Auto store in White House; and

WHEREAS, for fifty-seven years this blessed union has grown and prospered as an expression of time-honored family values and selfless love; the Ponds attribute their successful marriage to hard work, a good sense of humor, and devotion to one another; and

WHEREAS, marriages such as the Ponds' are truly the rock-solid foundation upon which our society is built and a beacon of hope and continuity in these turbulent times; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Clifton and Dorothy Pond on the celebration of their fifty-seventh wedding anniversary and extend to them our best wishes for much continued happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy